

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 5, 2007, the Patent Office incorrectly alleges that the response filed on November 20, 2006 was not compliant because a listing of all the claims was not present.

However, the submission of November 20, 2006 was not an Amendment and did not include any claim amendments. The response was plainly identified as a Request for Reconsideration. Thus, a listing of the claims was not necessary. See MPEP §714.II.C.

Numerous telephone messages were left for Examiner Nguyen to correct this matter, but none of these messages were returned.

Although not necessary, solely to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants herein include a listing of all pending claims, which were last amended by the Amendment filed on April 18, 2006.

Due to the delay caused by the improper Notice of Non-Compliance, Applicants request immediate further action on the merits. Further, in view of the foregoing and the Request for Reconsideration filed on November 20, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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